GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
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Illegal Mining
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of illegal mining have been reported in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof including the estimated revenue loss incurred to the Government therefrom during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;
(c) whether the Government faces difficulties in taking action against persons involved in illegal mining in the country;
(d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard; and
(e) the corrective action taken by the Government against the persons involved in the illegal mining and the extent of success achieved therefrom?

Answer

(a) to (e) : State Governments are empowered, under Section 23C of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR Act, 1957) to make rules for prevention of illegal mining, transportation and storage of minerals; and, therefore, matters relating to illegal mining come under the legislative and administrative jurisdiction of State Governments.

However, based on the quarterly returns on illegal mining submitted by various State Governments to Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), the total cases of illegal mining in the country reported from year 2012-13 to 2015-16 (Quarter ending September, 2015) is provided in Annexure-I. The details on estimated total revenue loss are not maintained centrally.

The MMDR Act, 1957 was amended through the MMDR Amendment Act, 2015 which came into effect from 12th January, 2015. The Amendment Act has, inter alia, provided for stringent punitive provisions for combating illegal mining. Illegal mining has been made punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years and with fine which may extend to five lakh rupees per hectare of the area. Provisions have been made for setting up of Special Courts for the purpose of providing speedy trial of offences relating to illegal mining.

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Annexure-I

Statement showing Year wise State wise Cases of Illegal Mining for Major & Minor Minerals.

Illegal mining cases Action taken from 2012-13 to 2015-16 (Up to Quarter ending Sept − 2015)
Sr.
No. State
2012-13

2013 −14

2014 − 15
2015 − 16
(Quarter ending Sept. − 2015) FIR Lodged (Nos.) Court Cases
Filed
(Nos.) Vehicle
Seized
(No.) Fine realized by
State Govt.
(Rs. Lakh)
1 Andaman & Nicobar 0 n.r. n. r. n. r. 0 0 0 0.05
2 Andhra Pradesh 16592 7692 9379 3931 2 1 2 1256.720
3 Assam 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
4 Chhattisgarh 3238 3996 5040 2647 2 13383 1138 2644.673
5 Goa 0 1 0 2 0 0 1 0
6 Gujarat 6023 5447 5716 2280 240 27 8941 41725.21
7 Haryana 3517 3589 5333 2288 613 0 0 3105.526
8 Himachal Pradesh 0 n.r. n. r. n. r. 0 0 0 0
9 Jharkhand 663 901 1162 854 1891 253 1346 1977.76

10 Karnataka 6677 8509 8464 4725 620 539 9720 7771.50
11 Kerala 4550 4448 4172 1459 0 0 0 2487.67
12 Madhya Pradesh 7169 6725 8173 6941 61 28830 528 14670.79
13 Maharashtra 42918 36476 32717 13292 13 0 117848 14709.03
14 Mizoram 16 21 26 n. r. 1 0 0 2.342
15 Odisha 314 76 104 39 4 4 514 1225.34
16 Punjab 19 n.r. n. r. n. r. 74 0 61 45.80
17 Rajasthan 2861 2953 2945 1423 2258 53 4235 4342.727
18 Tamilnadu 295 1078 205 25 7547 1 36135 11564.649
19 Telangana - - 3311 3129 0 0 2 1649.016
20 Uttar Pradesh 3266 6777 10402 4857 0 0 0 7902.88
21 West Bengal 479 n.r. n. r. 575 1132 0 703 0
Grand Total 98597 88689 97149 48467 14458 43091 181174 117081.683

n. r. −return not received.